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TAGS: MASS, XX

SUBJECT: MILITARY UTILITY AND POLICY VALUE OF MASTER  
DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

REF: STATE 012376

1. SUMMARY: WE ARE SATISFIED WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR  
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HANDLING DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE. WE WANT

THIS EXCHANGE TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND WHERE APPROPRIATE.  
END SUMMARY.

2. OUR MUTUAL WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENT (DEA) WAS SIGNED WITH FRANCE IN MARCH 1962. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE 90 ANNEXES IN FORCE (ARMY 34, NAVY 32, AND AIR FORCE 24). MAAG FRANCE HAS EMBASSY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTERING THE DEA AND ANNEXES, IN CONSULTATION AS APPROPRIATE WITH THE POLITICAL SECTION, DCM AND AMBASSADOR. THIS HAS PROVEN TO BE A SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT AND THE MAAG MANNING LEVELS SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR ITS DEA RESPONSIBILITIES. SO FAR AS WE KNOW THE DEA HAS HAD NO ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE CONDUCT OF GENERAL BILATERAL RELATIONS. FOR THAT MATTER, IT HAS HAD LITTLE MEASURABLE EFFECT ON GENERAL BILATERAL RELATIONS AT ALL. IT HAS SERVED, HOWEVER, TO DEMONSTRATE BOTH U.S. AND FRENCH DESIRE TO COOPERATE ON SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN MILITARY R AND D, NOTWITHSTANDING FRANCE'S DEPARTURE FROM NATO'S INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE. THUS IT KEEPS OPEN AN IMPORTANT CHANNEL OF FRANCO-AMERICAN MILITARY COOPERATION -- A RESULT OF NO SMALL IMPORTANCE. MOREOVER, WHILE EACH SIDE HAS MADE IMPORTANT FINANCIAL SAVINGS THROUGH D COOPERATION (E.G., WE ESTIMATE THAT CERTAIN SONAR DATA OF FRENCH ORIGIN HAS SAVED US SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS IN U.S. R & D; WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED VALUABLE INFORMATION ON LASER TECHNOLOGY), THE FRENCH ARE THE MAJOR POTENTIAL BENEFICIARY -- GIVEN THE GENERALLY SUPERIOR QUALITY OF OUR "DATA." AS A RESULT, THE FACT THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION THAT SERVES FRENCH INTERESTS STRENGTHENS THE CONFIDENCE OF THE FRENCH MILITARY IN THE UTILITY OF THE COOPERATIVE APPROACH. UNDERSTANDABLY, THE FRENCH HAVE PUSHED TO EXPAND THE DEA LIST, BUT THIS HAS NOT POSED PROBLEMS FOR US. WE ARE AWARE OF NO SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIP, HOWEVER, BETWEEN DEA-PROVIDED DATA AND CO-PRODUCTION OR FOREIGN PRODUCTION.

3. ON BALANCE, WE BELIEVE THE DEA HAS BEEN ONE OF THE "SUCCESS STORIES" IN FRANCOMERICAN POLITICAL/MILITARY  
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RELATIONS OVER THE PAST DECADE. WE WANT IT TO CONTINUE  
AND WHERE APPROPRIATE TO EXPAND.  
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